

**In the Specification**

Please amend para. [00015] of the specification as follows:

[00015] TiNi, a titanium and nickel alloy, is a flexible and durable material commonly used in biomedical applications. TiNi is the preferred material for the spring blades, although other flexible and durable material may be used as well.

Please amend para. [00034] of the specification as follows:

[00034] Subsequently, the trocar tube 1 is inserted into an artificial body opening, and then the expander 2 is pressed through said trocar tube 1 by means of the retaining element 6 until the spring blades 7 are again projecting again from the gap 5 of said trocar tube 1 and are formed into the shape shown in Fig. 2 thanks to the elasticity of the material. In said shape shown in Fig. 2, where the spring blades 7 are shifted toward one another on the retaining element 6, a spherical cavity is formed for the endoscopic intervention. For purposes of clarity, Fig. 2 shows only two spring blades 7, shifted to one another at an angle  $\alpha$ , equal to 90°. ~~although the depictions in Fig. 1 and 3 show that four spring blades 7 shifted to each other at an angle of 45° are fixed on the~~ retaining element 6.